

ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(R. B. ESKRIGGE, M.R.C.S.),


FOR THE

Year ending December 31st, 1913.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
ROYSTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I again have much pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report as to the condition of your District.

Considering that it has been an uneventful year, there having been no extremes of either heat or cold, the general health of the District has been satisfactory. We have not been troubled with any outbreak of infectious disease.

The Birth and Death Rate is much about as usual.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The population at the General Census in 1901 was 4397

" " " " " 1911 „ 6292

The population at the end of 1912 was 6517

" " " „ 1913 „ 6748

During 1913 the number of new dwelling-houses built was 14.

The number of inhabited dwelling-houses at the end of 1913 was 1175, and taking the population at 6748 the number of people per house = 5·8.

The area of Royston Township = 1022 acres.

BIRTHS.

January	...	19	August	...	17
February	...	17	September	...	13
March	...	18	October	...	19
April...	...	13	November	...	21
May ...	...	17	December	...	21
June ...	...	30			
July ...	...	24	Total	...	<u>229</u>

As to sex: there were 130 males, and 99 females. Of these, 5 were illegitimate.

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATE.

Year.		Number.		Rate per 1,000.
1907	...	200	...	36·6
1908	...	234	...	41·3
1909	...	247	...	42·1
1910	...	275	...	45·3
1911	...	258	...	41·0
1912	...	238	...	36·5
1913	...	229	...	33·9

DEATHS.

There were 105 Deaths registered during 1913, of which 64 were males and 41 females.

Included in the above were 4 Coroner's Inquests.

DEATHS AND DEATH RATE.

Year.		Number.		Rate per 1,000.
1909	...	89	...	13·2
1910	...	140	...	23·0
1911	...	93	...	14·8
1912	...	78	...	12·0
1913	...	105	...	15·6

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Is still unfortunately heavy per centage in the death list, as a perusal of the figures in the table below will show. Beyond hazarding the opinion the improper feeding and ignorance, I cannot give any other reason for the same.

Year.		Number.		Rate per 1,000 registered.
1907	...	30	...	150
1908	...	47	...	201
1909	...	32	...	130
1910	...	57	...	207
1911	...	45	...	174
1912	...	26	...	109
1913	...	43	...	188

DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES AT VARIOUS AGES UNDER 1 YEAR.

	Under 1 week	1—2 weeks	2—3 weeks	3—4 weeks	1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months
Measles ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	2
Whooping Cough	..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Convulsions ...	2	...	1	1	3	1	...	...
Bronchitis ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1
Diarrhœa ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Enteritis ... ..	...	...	...	1	4	2	2	1
Premature Birth	3	1	...	...	3	...	...	...
Other Causes ...	..	...	2	...	2	...	1	...
	5	1	3	2	14	5	8	5

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING 1913.

	Under 1 year	1-2	2-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 and up- wards
Measles	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough ...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria ... ..	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Phthisis ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Tuberculosis ... ..	...	...	1	...	1	2	1	...
Cancer ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Rheumatic Fever ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Heart Disease .. ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Bronchitis	3	2	1	...	...	...	4	5
Pneumonia	4	10	1	1	...	...	1	1
Diarrhœa & Enteritis	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bright's Disease ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Puerperal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Premature Birth ...	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Violent Deaths ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Other Causes	13	1	1	...	...	1	4	5
	43	17	8	2	1	6	17	11

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

During 1913 there were 17 cases of Notifiable Diseases, namely:—

Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Erysipelas.	Tuberculosis.
1	9	1	6

Of the 6 cases of Tuberculosis, 3 came under the National Insurance Act. One was sent to a Sanatorium where he remained for about seven days, when he was sent home, as he was considered an unsuitable case.

The other two refused the offer of Sanatorium treatment.

Whooping Cough has been rather prevalent during the year.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Quite satisfactory, and no cases of Plumbism.

WORKSHOPS AND FACTORIES ACT, 1901.

The following is the list of places coming under the above Act :—

Factories	...	...	...	...	4
Workshops	...	...	...	...	3
Joinery ...	...	...	...	...	4
Blacksmith	...	...	...	...	1
Bootmaking	...	...	...	...	4
Saddler ...	...	...	...	...	1
Tailor ...	...	...	...	...	1
Bakehouse	...	...	...	...	1
Total					<u>19</u>

The condition of these places, has, on periodical inspection, proved satisfactory.

DAIRY AND COWSHEDS ACT.

The 7 places under this section have also been visited periodically, and their condition as to cleanliness and sanitary conditions are satisfactory.

SANITARY MATTERS.

Both special and general inspections of your District have been made during the year and the results reported to you at your monthly meetings.

It is gratifying to note that during the year a good many cases of backyard paving have taken place.

It has been found necessary the putting into force of the compulsory closing of 5 houses as unfit for habitation.

There have been 27 cases of Nuisances reported and abated during 1913.

SCAVENGING.

Has been been carried out satisfactory.

The Sewage Farms are also acting satisfactorily.

THE HOUSING QUESTION.

Your Council has anxiously discussed the above question, and, owing to the ebb and flow of the population having kept the balance equal as regards the absence of overcrowding, you have found no necessity for bringing the Housing and Town Planning Act into operation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. B. ESKRIGGE,

Medical Officer of Health.

ROYSTON,

Feb. 26th, 1914.